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 Ben SMEETS et al.) Group Art Unit: 2648
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 For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)
 AUTHENTICATION OF UNITS IN)
 A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK)

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action, dated August 03, 2004, the period for response having been extended by the concurrent filing of a Petition for Extension, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-25.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.